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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN IN BRUSSELS

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SUBJECT: 30-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF ALLIED VICTORY IN

1. IN CALL ON EUR/EE DIRECTOR ANDREWS MARCH 5, YUGOSLAV
MINISTER-COUNSELOR PETKOVIC ANNOUNCED THAT GOY PLANS TO HOLD
CELEBRATION OF 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ALLIED VICTORY OVER
MAY 9. GOY WILL INVITE A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS FROM FOREIGN
COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY THE U.S., USSR AND GREAT BRITAIN.
GOY IS PARTICULARLY ANXIOUS TO HAVE A HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION
HEADED BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL FROM U.S. YUGOSLAV EMBASSY
IS ANXIOUS TO HAVE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION BEFORE EXTENDING
OFFICIAL INVITATIONS.

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2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS FROM ANDREWS, PETKOVIC INDICATED THAT GOY WOULD BE FLEXIBLE ABOUT SIZE OF DELEGATION, WHICH MIGHT INCLUDE ANYWHERE FROM ONE TO SEVERAL PERSONS. PETKOVIC THOUGHT PROGRAM MIGHT INCLUDE MILITARY PARADE, COMMEMORATIVE FUNCTION INCLUDING SPEECH BY RANKING YUGOSLAV LEADER, AND OFFICIAL RECEPTION. HE MADE IT PLAIN THAT EMBASSY HAD NOT YET RECEIVED DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FROM BELGRADE.

3. ANDREWS NOTED THAT MANY EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES SEEM TO HAVE PLANS TO CELEBRATE THIS ANNIVERSARY. TO PETKOVIC'S QUESTION, ANDREWS REPLIED HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY PLANS TO CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY IN THE U.S. HE ADDED THAT WE WILL TAKE NOTE OF YUGOSLAV PLANS AND INTEREST IN U.S. PARTICIPATION.

4. BEGIN FYI. QUESTION OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS IS UNDER REVIEW. DEPARTMENT IS AVOIDING ANY COMMITMENTS AT THIS TIME. END FYI.

5. EMBASSY BELGRADE IS REQUESTED TO CABLE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT WHICH COMES TO ITS ATTENTION. INGERSOLL

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